



The President's Daily Brief

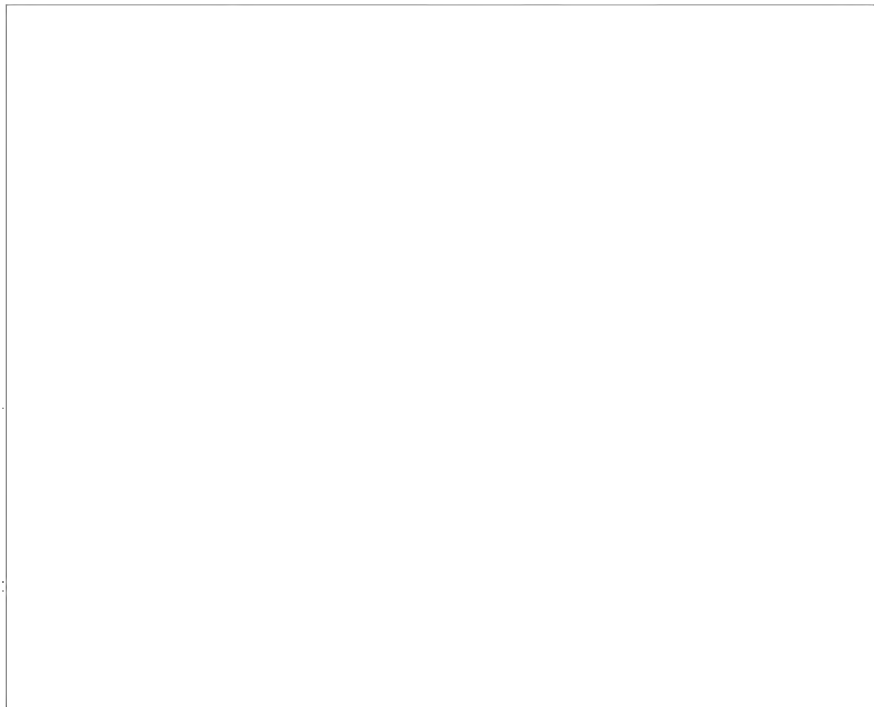
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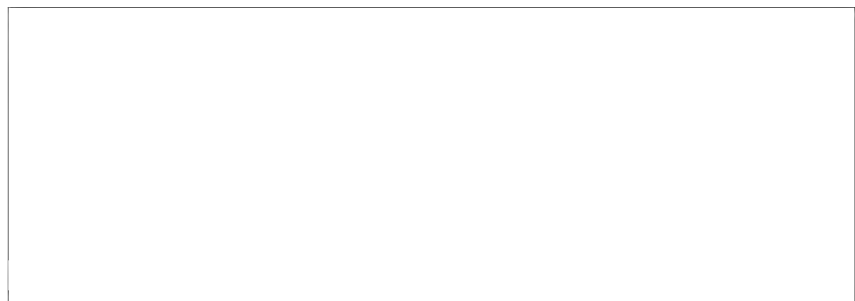
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1. Vietnam

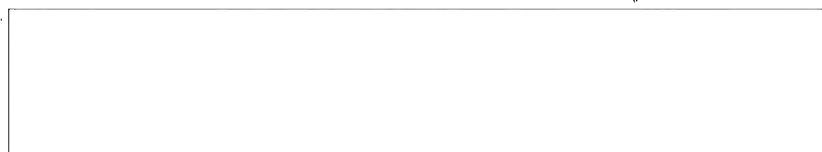


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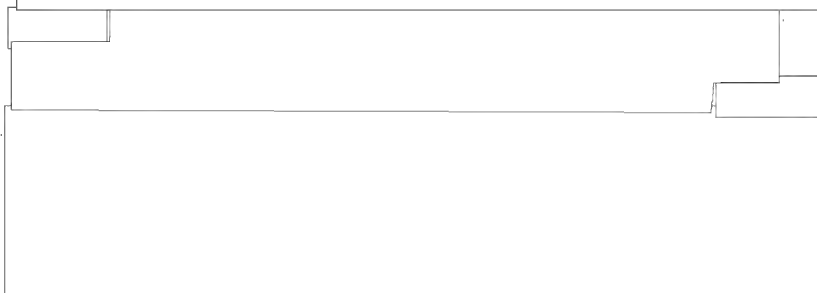


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2. Ecuador

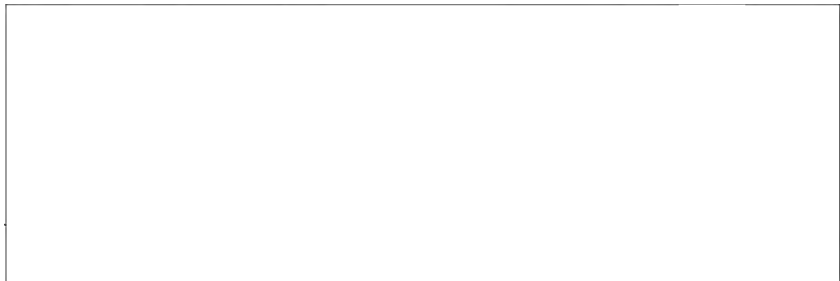
The military has not yet reacted overtly to yesterday's assembly vote which stripped members of the former junta of their citizenship rights. The military may only be waiting, however, to see what if any teeth are in the measure. If it means loss of pay and real disgrace, "countermeasures" by the military could yet materialize.

3. Congo

Relations with Belgium are improving. Union Miniere, the giant Belgian holding company, and Mobutu have tentatively agreed to set up a new company to control all of Union Miniere's assets in the Congo. The Congolese Government would own half of this company.

If this plan works out, Mobutu may indeed calm down. Lack of control over foreign business operations in the Congo was a principal cause of his anti-Belgian binge which last summer brought relations between the two countries to the brink.

4. Togo



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5. Soviet Union



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6. Soviet Union

Moscow is pulling out more and more stops in its propaganda campaign to convince the Russian people that the Chinese are beyond the pale.

Within the last two weeks, both television and the theater have been enlisted to spew out anti-Chinese venom. Soviet TV is now showing--with ungentle commentary--film clips of Red Guard excesses, and anti-Chinese cracks are slipping into--or sometimes being dragged into--Moscow plays.

This, taken together with the general step-up in Soviet polemics and Moscow's drive for an international Communist conference, sounds like an attempt to get the Soviet people ready for a prolonged mud-slinging match with Peking.

Meanwhile, the embassy reports that anti-US propaganda is falling off perceptibly, particularly on Vietnam.

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